

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : **HICKEY, Patrick Colin** **Group Art Unit: 1634**
Serial No. : **10/573,223** **Examiner: FORMAN, Betty J.**
Filed : **March 26, 2006**
Title : **BIOCHIP**

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2008. Applicant hereby requests a 5-month extension of time to September 4, 2008. The fee required by 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the extension of time is being paid via EFS-Web concurrently with the filing of this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.